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FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR ANDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SV, NO

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR NORWEGIAN POLICY ON SVALBARD

REF: STATE 270636

1. I APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF LANGUAGE FOR EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR NORWEGIAN POLICY ON SVALBARD IN WAKE OF RECENT SOVIET CHARGES THAT NORWEGIANS ARE VIOLATING ARTICLE 9 OF SPITSBERGEN TREATY. TEXT CAN BE WOVEN EASILY INTO ADDRESS AND WE WILL ARRANGE FOR IT TO GET APPROPRIATE ATTENTION HERE.

2. ONE PORTION OF PROPOSED TEXT CONCERNS ME, HOWEVER. THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE, WHICH READS: "LIKE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE ANY DESTABILIZING FACTORS INTRODUCED INTO THIS AREA." I AM CONCERNED THAT BOTH THE SOVIETS AND THE NORWEGIANS COULD INTERPRETE THIS TO MEAN THAT RECENT NORWEGIAN STATEMENTS AND USE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS ON SVALBARD, WHICH IS THE CAUSE OF THE LATEST SOVIET PROTEST, ARE "DESTABILIZING FACTORS". THIS IS CLEARLY NOT THE EMBASSY'S VIEW NOR DO I BELIEVE IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S.

3. I RECOMMEND AND WOULD LIKE AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE THIS POINT EXPLICIT IN THE TEXT. I WOULD SUGGEST DOING THIS BY DELETING THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE, AND INSERTING AFTER THE SECOND FULL SENTENCE IN TEXT, WHICH ENDS WITH WORD "AREA", THE FOLLOWING

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SENTENCE: "THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT NORWEGIAN ACTIVITIES

TO DATE ON SVALBARD ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE
AND WITH NORWAY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE SOVEREIGN POWER ON
SVALBARD. THUS, THE US AND NORWAY..." WE WOULD CONTINUE
ALONG EXISTING TEXT LESS DELETED SENTENCE.

4. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD
THE SOVIET PROTESTS BE CLEAR TO BOTH SIDES AND ESPECIALLY THE
SOVIETS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ON RECOMMENDED CHANGE.
ANDERS

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